

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-13 are canceled.

14. (Previously presented) A shutter device comprising:
a shutter blade movable between first and second end positions for selectively opening and closing said shutter device; and
a member formed of shock absorbing material displaced from a trajectory of the shutter blade moving between said open and closed position for suppressing bounding of said blade when the blade is displaced in a direction toward said member.

15. (Original) A device according to Claim 14, wherein the shutter device is a lens shutter device.

16. (Previously presented) A shutter device comprising:
a shutter blade; and
a member formed of a shock absorbing material arranged at a position displaced from a movement trajectory of the shutter blade which is deflected toward said member during movement of the shutter blade or immediately after the movement thereof in a direction substantially perpendicular to a moving direction of the shutter blade whereby the blade engages said member.

17. (Original) A device according to Claim 16, wherein the shutter device is a lens shutter device.

18. (previously presented) A shutter device comprising:

a shutter blade; and

a member formed of a shock absorbing material arranged in a vicinity of a movement trajectory of the shutter blade and being engaged by the shutter blade when the shutter blade moves in a direction transverse to the movement trajectory.

19. (Original) A device according to Claim 18, wherein the shutter device is a lens shutter device.

20. (Currently amended) A shutter device comprising:

a shutter blade;

a guide unit for guiding a portion of the shutter blade in a direction transverse to a path of movement of said blade at a location where the shutter blade is temporarily stopped or finishes the movement of the shutter blade; and

an absorbing member for absorbing kinematic kinetic energy of the shutter blade and positioned to abut the shutter blade portion when the shutter blade is guided by said guide unit.

21. (Original) A device according to Claim 20, wherein the shutter device is a lens shutter device.

Claims 22-34 are canceled.

35. (Previously presented) A device according to Claim 14, wherein the member formed of a shock absorbing material is directly engaged by the shutter blade for suppressing bounding of the blade.

36. (Previously presented) A device according to Claim 18, wherein the member formed of a shock absorbing material is directly engaged by the shutter blade for suppressing bounding of the blade when the blade is moved in the transverse direction by a guide unit.

37. (Previously presented) A device according to Claim 18, wherein the blade moves in the transverse direction due to an abrupt stoppage in movement of the blade.